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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON, EGEN, UNCTAD, UY

SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES - UNCTAD COMMON  
FUND MEETING NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 2

REF: STATE 191312

1. GOU PREPARED FOR EARLIER UNCTAD CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND BY ORGANIZING URUGUAYAN EXPORTERS OF BASIC COMMODITIES (E.G., MEAT, WOOL, HIDES) TO ADVISE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS IN ITS FORMULATION OF NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. THREE OR FOUR ADVISORS WITHIN THE ECONOMIC SIDE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY COVER ALL GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND PROVIDE WHAT GUIDANCE IS POSSIBLE TO GENEVA, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRIVATE SECTOR ADVICE. EFFECTIVE DECISION MAKERS IN THIS CASE INCLUDE MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, THE DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (TO FIT THE ISSUE WITHIN URUGUAY'S LARGER NORTH/SOUTH POLICIES) AND, IF AS AT PRESENT HE IS SOMEONE FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA HAS CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL LATITUDE ON THIS ISSUE SINCE THE EXPORTS OF THE COUNTRY ARE NOT IN FACT LIKELY TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECTED BY DECISIONS ON THE COMMON FUND.

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2. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT MINISTRY CAN SPARE HOME-BASED ADVISORS FOR COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS AND ALSO DOUBTS THAT THOSE NEGOTIATIONS REALISTICALLY RATE VERY HIGH AMONG GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES. THIS IN ITSELF SUGGESTS AT LEAST POSSIBILITY OF GOU BEING PERSUADED BY U.S. VIEWS. HOWEVER, OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE GOU ON THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED BY

THE STATE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AT THE TIME  
AND ESPECIALLY BE STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE.

3. GOU HAS BEEN GENERALLY APPRECIATIVE OF AND RECEPTIVE TO  
SPECIAL CONSULTATIONS WITH VISITING USG EXPERTS. WE WOULD THERE-  
FORE RECOMMEND INCLUDING URUGUAY IN ITINERARY IF EXPERT IS  
TRAVELING IN THIS AREA.  
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